

### COUNCIL DEBATES HIRING OF ENGINEER

E. C. Willard Is Likely to Get  
Place in Water Bureau.

### LISTING PROPERTY JOB

Final Decision Delayed to Friday  
So That Compensation May  
Be Set Definitely.

E. C. Willard probably will be selected by the city council to make an inventory of the properties of the city water department so that the city will have a correct valuation. This practically was decided upon yesterday by the city council after Mr. Willard's appointment had been recommended by Fred Handlett, chief engineer of the water department.

Mr. Willard is a hydraulic engineer with an excellent reputation, and according to Mr. Handlett, is exceptionally well qualified to handle this particular work.

Final decision on the appointment has been deferred until Friday afternoon, so that the council may decide just how Mr. Willard is to be compensated for his work. He has offered to handle the work for \$25 a day and expenses, which are to include clerk hire and the like.

**Definite Sum Preferred.**  
However, the council is eager to have a definite sum named if possible, or have the expenses specified so that the council will have some idea of how much the total cost of the work will be.

The necessity for taking an inventory of the water bureau property was called to the attention of the council by City Commissioner Mann. The council then addressed a resolution to the public service commission of Oregon requesting that body to handle the work. It was felt at that time that inasmuch as the public service commission had engineers capable of handling the job, a big saving could be gained through this procedure.

However, after the late telephone decision was handed down, the council lost confidence in the public service commission and addressed a letter withdrawing the request.

**Council Has Conference.**  
This was followed by a conference among members of the council, and Mr. Handlett was requested to make a report recommending the appointment of some qualified engineer.

Mr. Willard was employed by the city to assist Harry W. Tomlinson, assistant city attorney, in preparing the city's case in the telephone rate decision. Although subjected to an extremely grilling cross examination by the attorneys for the telephone company, Mr. Willard held his ground.

It was estimated that the cost of making the valuation of the water works will run between \$15,000 and \$20,000, such cost to be paid out of the water fund.

**Rate Increase Possible.**  
Should the valuation, as well as the general study of the water department's finances, prove to the council that a higher rate is justified, it is practically certain that an increase in water rates will be authorized. At the meeting yesterday the council also considered the suggestion from the water department that George H. Johnson, of New York, one of the most prominent engineers of the country, be engaged to make a final check of the findings of Mr. Willard. However, no decision was reached on this suggestion.

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### WALTER H. EVANS FILES

CIRCUIT JUDGE ASPIRES TO  
SUCCEED HIMSELF.

Appeal to Voters Is Based on Service in Office; Many Important Cases Handled.

Walter H. Evans yesterday filed his declaration of candidacy to succeed himself as circuit judge of department No. 6. He chose as the words

to be printed after his name on the official ballot the following: "My record speaks for itself."

Judge Evans, in declaring himself, said he did not feel like issuing any self-made eulogy because his record as a public official is already familiar to the voters of Multnomah county.

He served in the Spanish-American war. Later he entered the private practice of law at Portland, was appointed by W. C. Bristol as assistant United States district attorney. Mr. Evans was continued as first assistant by John McCourt. While serving in this capacity he was elected to the office of district attorney of Multnomah county, to which position he was twice re-elected. Upon the promotion of Circuit Judge John McCourt to the supreme court bench, Mr. Evans was appointed to succeed Judge McCourt in department No. 6.

During his occupancy of the circuit court bench he has tried many important cases. Judge Evans has a wife and three children, two daughters, now seniors in the university of Oregon, and a boy of 11 years. Judge Evans is a prominent member of many fraternal orders, but declined to state what they are, saying that they are not in politics and he believes it improper to make political capital out of such membership. He declared he was seeking re-election solely upon his record of service.

**ROYAL MASTERS ELECT**  
LOYD L. SCOTT OF PORTLAND HEADS GRAND COUNCIL.

State Organization, in Session at Albany, Plans Extension of Its Work This Year.

ALBANY, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—Lloyd L. Scott of Portland was chosen illustrious grand master of the grand council of Oregon, royal arch masters of the Masonic fraternity, in the annual election of officers this afternoon at the thirty-seventh annual assembly of the council held in this city today. Portland was chosen as the meeting place for the annual assembly next year. The council adjourned tonight.

Other officers of the state organization of this branch of Masonry, chosen to serve for the coming year, were: Orlaf A. Olsen of Salem, deputy grand master; Carl W. Eversen of Marshfield, grand principal conductor of the work; J. H. Richmond of Portland, grand recorder; H. H. Parker of Portland, grand treasurer; J. E. Martin of Portland, grand captain of the guard; John K. Kollock of Portland, grand conductor of the council; John R. Penland of Albany, grand marshal; E. F. Carleton, superintendent of the Eugene schools, but a member of Salem council, grand steward; Frederick S. Dunn of Eugene, grand sentinel, and E. B. Beatty of Corvallis, grand chaplain.

Grand Recorder Richmond and Grand Treasurer Parker were each re-elected to the eleventh consecutive term.

Definite plans were made to extend the work of this branch of Masonry masterfully during the coming year. It is planned to organize councils in the larger cities of the state which do not now have such organizations.

George Taylor of Albany, retiring grand master, was presented with a past-grand master's jewel, the pre-

sentation being made by Frank J. Miller of Albany, ex-chairman of the state public service commission. Grand Master Taylor and Grand Recorder Richmond were both highly praised by the council for successful work the last year.

### LIQUOR TALE IS DOUBTED

Elmer Johnson Is Fined \$250 for Transporting Moonshine.

It was an unusual tale that Elmer Johnson told District Judge Deich and the judge refused to believe it all, ending the matter with a fine of \$250. Johnson was charged by Robert Hamaker, highway patrolman, of transporting 40 gallons of liquor in his automobile on April 8.

Johnson explained to the court that he was driving toward Happy Valley from Mount Scott that day, when he saw two men acting in a suspicious manner off the road and apparently trying to cache something. When he stopped his machine, they fled, he says, and he discovered the liquor. He removed it to another hiding place, got a larger automobile and started with it toward Astoria, presumably to report the matter to the authorities, when the inquisitive highway policeman stopped him.

### RICH SHEEPMAN ACCUSED

Hand in Murder of Oscar Taylor Charged to Challis Man.

BOISE, Idaho, April 12.—(Special.)—William Millick, wealthy sheepman and prominent citizen of Challis, has been arrested charged with being an accessory to the killing of Oscar Taylor of Challis. Dan Breyer shot and killed Taylor, but the state alleges that Millick was involved in the conspiracy. Breyer and Millick are brothers-in-law.

On the date that Breyer killed Taylor, Millick is alleged to have gone to the Breyer ranch in his car accompanied by Breyer, and the same night the killing, said to have been done in cold blood, was committed.

Millick's prominence has attracted unusual attention to the case. This is but one of a number of murders that has taken place in Custer county during the past 12 months.

### MURDER JURY CHOSEN

Boy, Aged 9, Testifies in Spite of Objections of Defense.

WENATCHEE, Wash., April 12.—With the jury selected, the trial of Everett Bozarth and Ray Bigelow, charged with murder in the first degree in connection with the fatal shooting of Jacob Weber on the night of November 26, 1921, was in full swing today after a night session.

Detective May of Seattle was called to the stand last night and identified the bullet which dropped out of Weber's vest after the shooting. He also identified the shell found on the scene.

Floyd Crowl, aged 9, was allowed to testify over objection of the attorneys for the defense on the ground that no one under 10 years of age could testify.

### CANNED GOODS IN DEMAND

11-Carload Order Received by Growers' Association.

EUGENE, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—A single order for 11 carloads of canned products of the plant of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association has just been received from a Pennsylvania firm, according to J. O. Holt, manager of the association. The order calls for assorted fruits and vegetables, to be delivered as soon as the various products are packed.

Mr. Holt said that all of this year's pack of cherries, gooseberries and rhubarb had been sold. There is a greater demand for cherries than for any of the other products of the cannery, he said. The cannery will start operations this year with practically empty warehouses.

### New Owners Take Warehouses.

HAINES, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—The local warehouses which have been occupied for the last three years by the O'Bryant Grain company, were taken over by the Marshall Grain company yesterday. The stocks of hay and grain remaining in the houses at the time the O'Bryant interests were sold were also included in the transfer. J. F. O'Bryant, who has been in charge of the business conducted under his name, expects to soon close out his remaining interests.

John L. Harris, former postmaster at Fortland, where he will open offices and continue in the same line of business.

### Postmasters Are Nominated.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., April 12.—Benjamin F. Turner was nominated today for postmaster at Maupin, Or., and John L. Harris for postmaster at Kelso, Wash. Carl E. Williams of Silver Lake, Or., has been nominated by Representative Slinnot to the United States military academy at West Point. An educational certificate will be accepted in lieu of an examination.

### Colonel Beck Is Buried.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—Lieutenant-Colonel Paul W. Beck of the army air service, shot and killed recently by Jean Day in his home at Oklahoma City, was buried today in the family lot in Arlington national



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### PLANT SCOURGES FOUGHT

Prunarians Addressed by State Director of Agriculture.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 12.—(Special.)—E. L. French, ex-senator from Clarke county for many years and now director of agriculture of the state of Washington, addressed the Prunarians today at their weekly luncheon. He talked about certified potatoes and the Clarke county prunes.

"We have many plant pests and diseases which we must combat, and we have from 150 to 500 inspectors in the field working continually," Mr. French said. "These inspectors must meet and combat the many plant diseases and their work is constantly broadening and farmers are beginning to realize the great good they are doing."

### Divorce Decree Is Assailed.

ASTORIA, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—The case of the state of Oregon

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### Kelso Property Sold.

KELSO, Wash., April 12.—(Special.)—C. J. Williams, J. D. Koscht, W. W. Trantow and Bob McClanathan, members of the Long-Bell Lumber company engineering staff, purchased a half block on Fourth street between Church and Cowlitz streets, today

from Mrs. Mary McClellan. The property includes a residence. Dr. H. L. Parrish has purchased blocks 15, 19 and 20 of the Wallace Second addition from the Wallace Land company. Pea residence on the west side to G.

Other recent Kelso realty deals include the transfer of the Harry Henrickson residence, West Kelso, to Senator Frank G. Barnes; Mrs. Nathan lots on Second street to J. W. Kellar.

F. Driver; the William Baum residence to C. L. Campbell, a Long-Bell engineer, and of Mrs. Maude Custards lots on Second street to J. W. Kellar.

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